

Floyd County Jury Duty Frequently Asked Questions

The Courts start new juries each week. You will be advised of the length of the trial by the Judge when you are sent to Court for jury selection.

To find out if you need to report for Jury Duty, please call (812) 981-2761 beginning Friday evening after 4:30 p.m., for reporting dates starting the next week. A recording will announce what groups are required to report and when, have your juror number available.

The reporting schedule is also posted on the Floyd County web site at the following URL <http://www.floydcounty.in.gov/jury.asp>

1. Do I qualify for jury service, how can I be excused, how can I claim an exemption? Can I request deferral?

The reasons for which you are qualified or exempted have been established by State law and include:

To qualify for Jury Service you must be:

- A citizen of the United States
- Over the age of eighteen
- A resident of Floyd County
- Able to read, write, speak and understand the English language

You may be disqualified if:

- You have a physical or mental disability that would interfere with service
- You are under a sentence imposed for an offense
- You have served as a juror in Floyd County in the past year
- You are under a guardianship due to a mental incapacity
- You are currently serving in the active military

Any other reason for which you would like to be excused from jury duty will be addressed by the Judge the day you appear for jury selection.

2. What if I have a hardship on the date I am summoned?

Requesting a Deferral may help if you have a conflict or a hardship on the date you have been asked to appear. This would continue your date until the next available.

3. Am I paid for being a juror?

Jurors who appear for Jury Duty are paid \$15.00 a day plus mileage. For actually serving on a jury, jurors are paid \$40.00 a day plus mileage. Checks are mailed.

4. What is the difference between a grand jury and a petit jury?

In Floyd County, Grand juries are convened to determine whether or not sufficient facts and evidence exist to file charges.

Petit juries are convened to decide questions of fact in civil and criminal cases and to reach decisions in conjunction with those findings. These juries consist of 6 or 12 persons plus alternates.

5. How did you get my name?

The law allows the use of many different sources. In Floyd County data is used from Indiana driver's licenses and the Indiana Internal Revenue Service.

6. Why are some people summoned several times and others are are never chosen?

Because of the random selection process, some names are selected every year or so, and some never are.

7. Can I bring my child(ren)?

There is no facility in the Courthouse to watch your children, please make arrangements to have them cared for; do not bring them with you.

8. Where can I park?

Parking for all jurors is available near the Courthouse and long side streets, however, parking is limited. A public parking facility is located at the northwest corner of State and market Streets. There is a charge for the use which cannot be reimbursed by the Courts.